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In re application of:

Podhajcer *et al.*

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Tumor Therapy**

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**Declaration of Dr. Osvaldo Podhajcer Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Dr. Osvaldo Podhajcer, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am a named inventor of the captioned application.

2. I, together with M. Fernanda Ledda, Soraya Adris, Laura Bover, Alicia L. Bravo, and Jose Mordoh co-authored the publication entitled "*Rol del gen SPARC en la capacidad tumorigenica de celulas de melanoma humano*" published in *Medicina* 56: 51-54, 1996, which has been cited by the Examiner in the above-referenced application. Ms. Bover was a research technician involved in animal handling. The work done by Ms. Bover reported in this publication was under the direction and supervision of Dr. Jose Mordoh, one of the named inventors. Ms. Bover did not make any inventive contribution to the invention claimed in the above-referenced application.

3. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be

true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

10/15/2000  
Date

Dr. Osvaldo Podhajcer